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BALDWIN WHIPS ABE ATTELL IN A QUEER FIGHT

Matty Fought on the Level, While Champion Apparently Wanted to Give Out Impression that He Was All In.



R. Edgren's COLUMN

Half an hour after the fight AtteLL got very busy on the telephone, and explained to the newspapers that he was a sick boy—that the heat and the smoke from all the two-fers around the ring were too much for him. Abe said that he nearly collapsed after the third round, and from that time on could barely hold up his hands and stagger away. Abe added horrifying details of his illness in the dressing-room after the bout, and said his knees were still so weak that he could hardly stand up to talk into the phone.

It was hot, no doubt of it! It was hotter than the hinges of Gehenna, to use a popular simile. It was so hot that the management had provided a fan with every seat. We all sat around the ring for nearly an hour after the last preliminary waiting for AtteLL and Baldwin to get into the ring, and our collars wilted and the starch ran down our necks. It was so hot that the bills stuck together as Abe and Matty carefully counted up before appearing—much caused the delay.

But none of the preliminary boys collapsed, and they fought harder than Champion AtteLL did, every one of them. Baldwin didn't collapse, and as far as Baldwin's end went he was as busy as an offended sunbeam. Matty's end was strictly on the level.

It would be hard to say as much for Champion AtteLL. Foexy Abe was in the ring, apparently, to give out the impression that he was all in, and he fairly pulled his punches and missed many a vicious swing by a yard. When Abe is really fighting he doesn't miss. But Abe overdid it. Baldwin swung him hard and often. He really felt sick after the fight. Baldwin's punches may have had something to do with it.

In the first round Abe pretty well boxed Baldwin and looked an easy winner. In the second Matty began slugging them into AtteLL's stomach and kidneys. During the most exciting spell of fighting the crowd roared in at the front door and made a grand rush for seats. Baldwin began jabbing Abe on the mouth, and Abe didn't seem able to get away. This was Matty's round.

The third began to look like a real mixup, when Baldwin developed a trick of jabbing lightly with the left and throwing the right straight across. AtteLL's jaw, these blows staggered Abe and made him wince. Baldwin ducked and then again came back with wild swings. AtteLL missed him, and he went around Baldwin's neck. AtteLL went around Baldwin's neck, and he went around Baldwin's neck.

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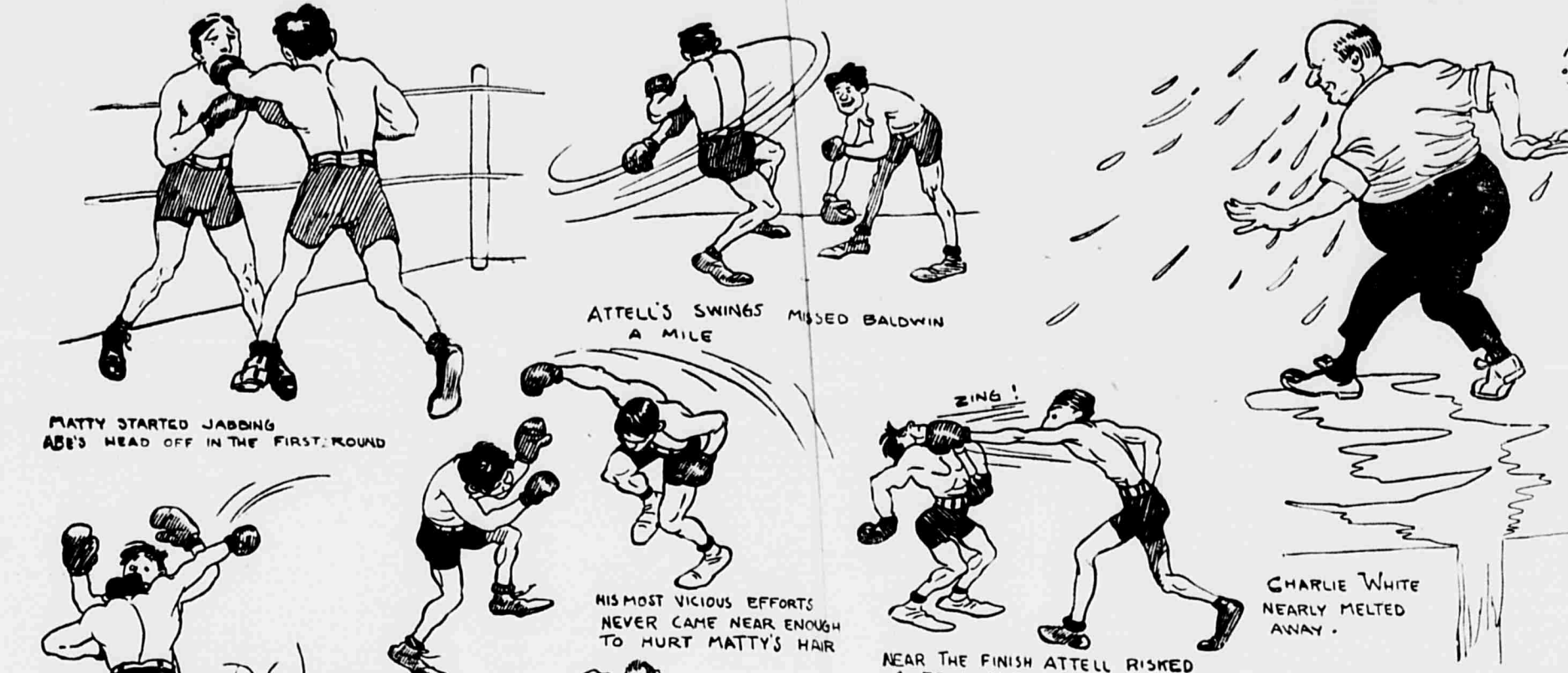
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SIDELIGHTS ON THE ATTELL-BALDWIN FIGHT.



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